MEDIA ALERT

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Joplin Fire Department

Structure Fire, 517 S. Sergeant, Joplin, Mo.

The Joplin Fire Department responded to a reported structure fire at 517 S. Sergeant at 0737 hours Wednesday. Fire crews arrived on the scene at 0741 hours to find heavy smoke coming from the eaves and roof of a two story wood frame structure. Crews attempted entry into the burning house, but were forced to pull back due to the heavy smoke. The fire was declared under control at 0949. The house suffered extensive damage.

The house is owned by Imogene Runner. She lived there with her daughter, Karol Holland. Ms. Holland said a passing neighbor saw the smoke and banged on the front door, alerting them to the smoke and helped them get out.

There were no injuries during the incident. 6 Joplin Fire units and 21 Joplin Fire personnel responded, as well as JPD and METS. The Red Cross was called to assist the family.

The cause of the fire is currently under investigation.

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